Procedures for filming

157. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to simplify the procedure for shooting of films in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) The Government has simplified the guidelines for shooting of foreign feature films and co productions in India to make them more facilitative with effect from January, 2004. Under the revised guidelines proposals to shoot foreign feature films and co productions in India are cleared in three weeks as against twelve weeks taken earlier. For specified areas like border belts, Jammu & Kashmir and the North East, however, more time may be required. Procedures regarding scrutiny of scripts, attachment of liaison officer with the shooting team and preview of film before its release anywhere in the world have been rationalized.

Depending on the requirements of the changing scenario, the procedure is re-visited from time to time to simplify it further.

Strengthening of the legal system

158. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are strengthening the legal system in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the courts have not computerized their systems in many states;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to computerize all the records in the States?